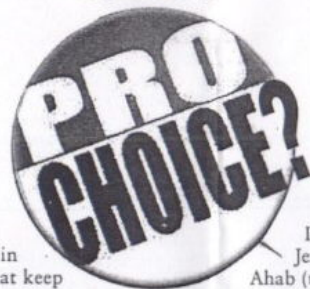


A Christian and



Many times it's the skeletons in our closets that keep us from witnessing to others about Jesus and the Cross. Shame, guilt and fear of rejection bombard our minds because of acts or decisions we've made in our past.

For me, it was an act that I never confessed, tried never to think of, and never brought up in a discussion with an unbeliever or anyone else for that matter... not until forgiveness of Christ came and changed it all.

You see, abortion is an issue you don't talk about unless you are "for" it. You try to avoid the issue like a disease, if you're a Christian and have had one.

Believer

I, as a believer, am pro-choice...for letting the baby make the choice!

Abortion, the termination of a developing fetus (baby) in the womb of a mother, is legal in the United States from conception until the ninth month of pregnancy. Only recently the government is putting into motion the ban on partial birth abortions. (Abortions performed from the sixth to the ninth month where the baby must be delivered first then killed during the process).

In biblical days, Jezebel, the wife of Ahab (the worst king that ever ruled Israel) sacrificed infants to the god Moloch. When anthropologists dug up the chambers of Jezebel, they discovered the remains of infants still preserved in jars. Not only did they sacrifice infants and children, they also used certain baby body parts to keep their skin soft and supple.

There is no doubt; ABORTION IS MURDER!

Murderer

One evening as I sat in my living room praying, I asked the Lord to reveal to me any area of my life that hindered me from being closer to Him. As I sat still, waiting for His response, I heard a tender but stern voice say, "What about those three murders you've committed"? At once I began to weep.

I was shocked at the answer, but inside I knew what the Holy Spirit was referring to. You see, before I knew the Lord, I had three abortions. Yes, three! I never felt remorse because I thought I had justifiable reasons for having them. All the excuses the world tells you. You know...I was too young, I wasn't

married, I wanted to have a career, I couldn't afford it, I never wanted kids, it's not the right time, it's my choice and I'm not ready, what about the shame it would bring, what would your mother think, What would your friends think?

All the excuses focused on me. No one ever told me what God thought about the life of a baby. I never once thought about what the bible said. The most I knew, it said, "Thou shalt not kill", but abortion...It's perfectly legal, it's not murder! I never thought about the babies. I just thought of myself (my idol), and the inconvenience the babies would present in my life.

I never connected abortion with murder. I never thought of myself as a murderer. Not until that day.

Healed

I repented for the abortions as God revealed to me in Galatians 1:15; "when it pleased Him, who separated us from our mothers womb, and called us by His grace", showing me when in the womb, He calls us.

Becoming aware of this revelation and through my weeping for the lives of those babies, He forgave me. So unborn babies are important to God. No one ever share that with me. So now, as a speaker for Lifenet (a prolife organization), I share this and many other facts the Bible states about abortion, abstinence, life choices and the forgiveness of God through the acceptance of Jesus Christ.

They must know that only through a love relationship with Jesus Christ can we be forgiven of ALL of our sins (I John 1:9, If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness).

How can we afford to keep this to ourselves knowing that there are many that feel their past mistakes keep them from accepting Christ as

Savior and the forgiveness that only He can give?

Once we share the gift of God's love, His salvation, and His ability to forgive, we can look beyond past mistakes. We can offer hope and healing to the bitter and broken hearted, the very thing Jesus proclaimed, accomplished and died for. Now it's up to us. Christians must let them know why we are Pro-Choice...we're for letting the baby make the choice. ♥

Some Effects of Abortion

Listed here are some of the signs that a woman may have after experiencing an abortion.

Uncontrolled crying, guilt, obsessions with babies, loss of interest in regular activities, nightmares, regret or remorse, hatred for anyone involved with the abortion or the decision to have the abortion, withdrawal from relationships, avoidance of children, avoidance or denial of feelings associated with the abortion, restricted range of loving or tender feelings, a sense of having an unsuccessful life, drug or alcohol abuse, suicidal acts or thoughts, smoking cigarettes, eating disorders, decreased ability to bond with children born after the abortion, difficulty forming lasting bonds with a male partner, low self-esteem, anger and rage, helplessness, and an increase in the ability to abort again.

If you or someone you know shows these symptoms in any combination, seek a Crisis Pregnancy Center (CPC) or seek help from a pastor, Counselor, or Health Professional as soon as possible. If you don't know of a center near you, look in the phone book under "Abortion alternatives". Listed below are CPC's in the State of New Jersey:

Gateway Pregnancy Centers

2 locations:

- 65 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 403
Elizabeth, NJ 07201
908-353-0604 (voice/relay)
- 960 Springfield Avenue
Irvington, NJ 07111
973-399-8378

Email: gateway@gateway.org www.gateway.org